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Mr. P. R. BEUTLER seconded, and the resolution carried unanimously.

**THE CHAIRMAN**—The resolution has been carried unanimously and is valid in accordance with sections 144 of the Articles of Association, reading as follows: "The Board of Directors shall, at any meeting, except at an extraordinary meeting of the shareholders to be called expressly for the purpose, at which a resolution proposing dissolution shall be carried, in person or by their proxies representing a majority in number of shareholders of the entire number of shares of the company at the least, whose united shares shall represent at least two thirds of the capital of the Company." 101

THE RECENT FLOODS IN THE  
EASTERN BRANCH OF THE  
CANTON RIVER.

The Viceroy and the Governor at Canton, in a memorial published in the *Yeking Gazette* of 31st May, state that, rain having fallen there without intermission for several days during the latter half of March, they were apprehensive

that the embankments of the Wu River were so weak that therefore even heavy rains might be expected to break through them. The local authorities in strengthening them there was no doubt that they were doing their best. However, to the expectation of the memorialists, the rains were much more serious on the Wu River than on the two others, the Yangtze and the Yellow River. On the 13th of the 10th lunar month, the Prefect of Hui-ch'ueh Fu reported the occurrence of a terrible inundation. Public offices and private houses in both towns and country were all flooded. An official, who immediately despatched a messenger to the memorialists, reported the following details. Some four or five days ago, the embankment at the town of Funging in the district of Tung-kang had been broken through, and some scores of villages were under water; and lower down the river, the people had taken refuge on their homes-tops, where they were in a state of extreme danger. The memorialists at once dispatched a number of steamers and launches carrying officers provided with money to relieve distress, and to encourage the people to place

himself. On the 11th of April the Governor, who had already started for the scene of the disaster, at once ascended the river as far as Hui-shou Fu, the headquarters of the districts of Tsung-shan, Pei-shan, and Hui-shou, through which he had to pass. The country looked like a waste place, and the devastation had been caused by the breaking of the Fu-tung embankment, which was as high as the city walls, and had stood unharmed for more than a hundred years. Ordinary floods had never before destroyed the levees, and even light-floods, however they came, never caused any serious damage. This time, however, it has been converted into a roaring torrent over twenty feet deep, and stretching for miles as far as the eye could reach. In Hui-shou Fu itself the water had fallen to a couple of feet, and the people remained in the houses, some in the upper stories of the houses, but not many buildings had fallen. The greater part, however, of the grain stores of the people had been ex-

Next, a report came from Ho-yuan Hsien, of their east. Inside this city the water was ten feet of water. The houses on the river bank were immersed up to their roofs, and in some cases even the roofs-laps were buried. The authorities were busy installing relief-stations, or forcing people to build floating places for safety on the water, though the walls themselves had been washed down in places.

There are two rivers at Ho-yunn Hsieh; the larger and more easterly one comes down from Kiangsi, and has two principal branches which join together above the town of Lung-ch'ang. The smaller one drains the country to the north and west and runs into the larger just to the north of Ho-yunn. Torrents of rain fell with both stopping from the 8th to the 19th of April. Both rivers were in flood at once, and their

tents could not escape quickly enough. The water therefore spread out right and left all along the river's course of 280 li from Ho-yuan to Fong-chou Fu; and below Hui-chou on the 9th and 10th there was a rise of more than twenty feet after which the renewal of fine weather brought about a fall. No more has yet been recorded.

a slight rain. "No news" came from the country. "No stream" from Ho-yuan that it is not water how it has faded. The news was a deepened relief to Ho-yuan. Governor hurried back to Canton on the 18th April to consult with his colleague the Viceroy. As a preliminary step two thousand piculs of rice were bought at Canton and despatched for immediate use, one-half to the towns in the stream and the other to those lower down. Arrangements were also made for the purchase of two thousand piculs in Hongkong, to be sent up country for sale at cost price. As soon as the exact details can be ascertained, comprehensive measures will be taken to repair the damage.

On the North River it was reported that Ying-tê that the water had risen thirty feet more; both inside and outside the town houses were flooded, and till the 11th April despatches could be sent. It was not yet possible to go about and gather particulars. At kang, Ch'ing-yuan, and Sze-shai the water so high that there was serious fear of the

bankments giving way in places. Artoff said  
orders in the first instance, the Vice  
himself started for the North River and sup-  
intended the efforts of the officials to  
in repairing and strengthening the weak  
From the Swatow River, General Pang  
reported an extraordinary frost above Chi-  
sho-fu, as great as that of the year 1864.  
embankment near the city had held out, a  
precipitation of a slight overflow on the  
side, and no serious accident had happened.  
Great heat your river-wall is the sole protect-  
of Chi-sho-fu. It was repaired last year  
public contributions and was inspected by  
Viceroy in the winter, at the time of his visit

the coast ports, when he found it in a very satisfactory condition; but as the work is newly executed and hitherto untried, he has sent orders that no pains must be spared in watching and strengthening it.

On the West River fortunately all has gone well, so that the country has been spared the great calamity that must have occurred had the river been in flood since coming with the flood.

Finally the "monarchists" report that on 18th of April the weather was fine at Hui-chow as was also the case on the 19th and 20th at Chai-chow. The water subsides quickly the people will be able to plant their crops and there will have been time to enrich a family. The E. E.

The fine engraving of the Queen, says *Japan Gazette*, presented by Her Majesty to Victoria School, has been received by the College of Education, and the Hon. P.

Poor Truett, Chargé d'Affaires. The portrait which is a photograph by Hanstaeng of a well known painting executed in 1835 by Robert represents the Queen at full length, in Angkor State. Signed by Her Majesty, and undeniably a work of very high art, the present is indeed most fitting as well as valuable one, and will doubt be allotted by the Committee an honorable position in the School.

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